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WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUED SUCCESSFULLY: SIX THOUSAND ITALIANS NOW CAPTURED

British Action Also In The Sudan Area

A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT IN THE BRITISH OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT YESTERDAY, 2,000 MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS WERE TAKEN MAKING A TOTAL OF 6,000. A QUANTITY OF WAR MATERIAL WAS ALSO CAPTURED.

OPERATIONS ARE ALSO CONTINUING IN THE SUDAN AREA AND YESTERDAY BRITISH FORCES WERE ENGAGED IN MOPPING-UP ENEMY RESISTANCE.

Operations were continued throughout the night.

The news of the British successes against the Italians in Egypt has been received with tremendous enthusiasm in Greece, Egypt and throughout the Middle East, states a message from London.

A Greek paper says that from the bottom of their hearts the Greeks desire their gallant British allies to teach the Italians a good lesson.

PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE AGAINST WAR DAMAGE: 3 SCHEMES IN NEW GOVT. BILL

LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS)—DETAILS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATURE ON PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE AGAINST WAR DAMAGE ARE ISSUED.

The Bill comprises three schemes.

Firstly, a Compulsory contributory scheme for compensation for damage to buildings and other immovable property.

Secondly, a compulsory scheme for the insurance for all movable assets of business undertakings, such as plant and machinery and office and shop equipment.

Thirdly, a voluntary scheme for the insurance of all personal chattels, such as furniture.

In the case of buildings and immovable property the compulsory contribution will be equal to 2s in £1 on the rateable value of the property each year over a period of five years.

For agricultural property and land used for recreational purposes, the rate is 1s 6d in £1. In the case of movable assets of business undertakings, the premium is 30s per cent. for a period from Sept. 3, 1939, to the end of Sept. 1941. In the case of business other than agricultural, the scheme requires an insurance of all assets exceeding £1,000.

Under the compulsory scheme, a provision is made for compensation, respecting possible war damage for many million value, the buildings alone being variously estimated at between £6,000,000,000 and £8,000,000,000.

Reuter adds that the maximum amount on which any one person may insure is £1,500, with an additional £500 for motorcars.

Compensation will be paid for past damage, while the existing scheme of free grants for persons of limited income, who lost their possessions owing to enemy action, will continue.

TERRORISM FLARES UP IN HANKOW

MARTIAL LAW IN WHOLE AREA

HANKOW, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—

Terrorism flared up again yesterday morning when only four days after the shooting of Mr. Hsien Dau-tse, political adviser to the Hupeh provincial government, another attempted assassination of a prominent Chinese businessman took place.

Mr. Yang Hwei-tung, former head of the Social Affairs Bureau of the Hupeh provincial government, was shot three times by Chinese gunmen in the middle of the Sino-Japanese business district.

Mr. Yang was not killed. The gunmen made good their escape.

The Japanese authorities have declared martial law in the whole area and carried out exhaustive searches.

Today's War Summary

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BRITISH OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT ARE CONTINUING SUCCESSFULLY BUT A WARNING IS GIVEN BY MILITARY EXPERTS IN LONDON AGAINST TRANSLATING CONCEPTIONS OF WARFARE ON ORGANISED FRONTS AS IN EUROPE TO VERY DIFFERENT CONDITIONS OF DESERT AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NOT "LINES" IN THE ORDINARY SENSE.

THE GREEK OFFENSIVE ACTION CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS ON THE WHOLE FRONT. STRONG GROUND POINTS WERE OCCUPIED BY BAYONET CHARGE AND THE ENEMY SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES. INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN LONDON MILITARY CIRCLES FULLY SUPPORTS THE GREEK CLAIMS.

REASONS WHY BRITAIN CANNOT PERMIT THE PASSAGE OF FOOD THROUGH THE BLOCKADE TO GERMAN DOMINATED EUROPE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MR. HERBERT HOOVER'S PLAN ARE EXPLAINED IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, LORD LOTHIAN.

A WARNING THAT UNLESS THIS WAR ENDS WITH A PREMONITION OF MILITARY STRIKING POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE DEMOCRACIES EUROPE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO NO CONSTRUCTIVE PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM WAR TO A BETTER AND PERMANENT PEACE WAS SOUNDED BY THE HOME SECRETARY, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, SPEAKING IN LONDON.

ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS RETURNING TO LONDON FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE THE SITUATION THERE IS VERY SERIOUS. FOOD RATIONING IN PARIS IS SEVERE. LARGE FIRMS AND FACTORIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE GERMANS.

Their success has assured the Greeks of victory.

The latest reports received of the fighting in the Western Desert state that the operations are still continuing.

The measure of the support given to the British land forces by the R.A.F. is shown by the report that 18 Italian planes were shot down in addition to four others which were probably destroyed. The British lost three planes, but two of the pilots are safe.

A British military spokesman emphasised that the present operations were only in the preliminary stage and added that the vast area involved in the operations had to be kept in mind.

There was no question, he said of breaking through the Italian lines because there were no Italian lines in the accepted sense of the word.

A Rome communiqué yesterday for the first time admitted that Italian troops, overcome by superior numbers, had to fall back on Sidi Barrani. These troops were stated to be Libyans, who, the report added, resisted gallantly until they were overcome.

A report from Aden states that it is believed there that the Royal Air Force bombed and damaged the railway from Addis Ababa to Djibouti. The station buildings were reported to have been damaged as well as the tracks. Bombs were also dropped on the Red Sea port of Assab.

NO FRESH NEWS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS)—Pending the issue of a further communiqué in Cairo, there is no fresh news in London of the operations in the Western Desert.

In the meantime warning is given by military experts here against translating the conceptions of warfare on the organised fronts as in Europe to the very different conditions of the desert areas, where there are not "lines" in the ordinary sense.

The whole front is fluid and under such conditions, the cutting off or surrounding of enemy concentrations does not follow inevitably from outflanking movements and, therefore, reports originating in considerations of the different kind of warfare required, are to be accepted with special reserve.

While awaiting further news, official quarters in London are content to stress Mr. Churchill's statement yesterday that "it is too soon to attempt to forecast either the scope or result of the considerable operations which are in progress, but we can at any rate say that the preliminary phase has been successful."

CSAKY IN BELGRADE

BERLIN, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, arrived in Belgrade this morning on a two days official visit.

40 Rice Merchants Summoned

It was learned from an official source yesterday that the Police intended to pursue strong action to enforce the measures taken by Government to restrict the prices of rice.

Forty summonses, the Hongkong Daily Press was officially informed, had been served up to yesterday on rice merchants in various parts of the Colony for selling in excess of the prices authorised by the Government.

Rumours current yesterday that over 20 merchants of the Nam Pak had been arrested for exporting rice out of the Colony under forged permits were discounted by the Police when approached by a representative of the Daily Press yesterday afternoon.

Asked further in regard to the possibility of a general rice import ban, perhaps we were informed that the matter was under investigation and that no information could be given at this stage.

RAILWAY JUNCTIONS BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Railway junctions, power stations, aerodromes and inland docks were among the targets in Western Germany and occupied territory bombed by the R.A.F. last night, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Docks at the invasion ports along the Channel were also attacked. These raids were made although weather conditions were very much unfavourable for bomber operations.

Two aircraft are missing.

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The first Spanish ship to arrive in Japan since the Spanish Civil War entered the port of Yokohama on Monday morning from New York. She is the Monte Olz, 5,000 tons, and left Spain on Sept. 4. She has already left Yokohama for Kobe but her next port of call is reported to be unknown.

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International Air Police Force Urged

Herr Hitler's speech on Germany's war aims was followed yesterday by the British viewpoint, states a London message.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, declared in the House of Commons that nations must be ready to sacrifice much of their independent life and work together.

It was not enough to abolish war. There must be a basis for freedom of thought and work.

Mr. Morrison proposed that there should be an international air police force which will make it impossible for bomber forces to terrorise a country.

WARNING SOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Unless this war ends with a preponderance of military striking power in the hands of the democracies, Europe can look forward to no constructive period of transition from war to a better permanent peace.

This warning was given by Mr. Morrison in an address in London to the National Defence Public Interest Committee. Mr. Morrison added that Herr Hitler's new European order was a vast military monopoly and his organisation was the organisation of slave plantation.

"Our own courage and strength are all that will prevent this brutal dictatorship becoming a reality for generations.

"We must look forward to the society that is rid of twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty—a society which freely accepts the maintenance of a reasonable standard of health, comfort, security and education for everyone."

Sai Wan Ho Murder

An armed attack occurred at the Sai Wan Ho Market about 7 p.m. yesterday when a Chinese was killed and another injured.

The deceased was Wong Ning, 40, while the wounded was a 57-year-old coolie, Kong Wing.

A Police report stated that two unknown Chinese, after wounding the victims with knives made good their escape.

Robbery was not suspected.

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£10 MILLION LOAN OF GREAT VALUE TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT. ANNOUNCEMENT Equally Well Received In U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The announcement that the British Government has agreed in principle to give financial assistance to the Chinese Government will be well received in this country, the Dominions and equally in the United States, says THE TIMES in a leader. For obvious reasons, this country cannot assist China on so generous a scale as last week's American advance, but the advance of £10,000,000 will be a great value to the Chungking Government, both for what credits can buy and as a sign of British goodwill.

The reopening of the Burma Road has strengthened the position of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's administration and which has been further improved by the Japanese evacuation in large tracts in South China.

British and American financial assistance will strengthen it still more and it is quite clear that Wang Ching-wei's puppet Government in Nanking is not and can never be the rival for the allegiance of the great mass of Chinese, who are well aware even if the Japanese were to cut their loss and evacuate the Yangtze valley.

JAPANESE FAULT. These credits to China will doubtless cause heart-burning in Japan. We may regret it, but the fault lies with the Japanese Government and they should remember the British Government concluded a highly unpopular agreement with them for the closing of the Burma Road, in the hope that within the stipulated three months, Japan and China might reach an understanding.

The Japanese contribution to the desired agreement was confined to the conclusion of the treaty with the client state of Nanking which irritated the Chinese Government and impressed no one else.

Apart from this episode, British goodwill was repaid by the persecution of British subjects in Japan, by the campaign of insult and calumny in part of the Japanese Press and finally by the admission of Japan to the Berlin-Rome Axis.

During the evacuation of Dunkirk, Air Vice-Marshal Park flew to see how he could assist and it was largely his action which enabled the Fighter Command to break up so many bomber formations before they reached Dunkirk.

When the evacuation was completed, his Hurricane was the last British fighter to patrol during the evacuation of Cherbourg.

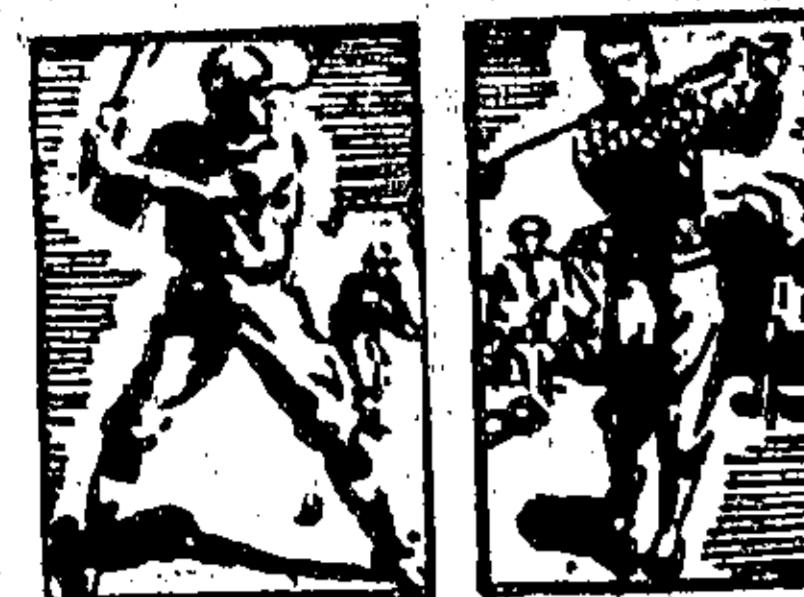
On one occasion he was forced down by a British pilot who suspected his Hurricane might be one of the Germans had captured and put into the air for reconnaissance.

Reasons Why Britain Cannot Permit Passage Of Food Through Blockade To German-Dominated Europe

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless)—The British Ambassador to the United States has issued a statement there explaining the reasons why Britain cannot permit the passage of food through the blockade to German-dominated Europe in accordance with ex-President Hoover's plan.

Under the present conditions, Lord Lothian said, such a scheme would materially assist Germany's war effort and would thereby postpone the liberation of these people from German subjugation.

Lord Lothian states that he had informed the British Government fully of Mr. Hoover's plan, which had been sympathetically considered, but because it would aid Germany, it had been rejected. The risk of a European starvation had been exaggerated. Any food shortage would be due entirely to German action.



In the World of Sports



FORMIDABLE MOHAWK TRIBE UPSET BY CHINESE B.C. IN MOST EXCITING TUSSLE

Ruel Hits Two Homers For Winners: Saints Just Beat Canadians To Head Table

BY R.O.Y.

PROVIDING THE REDEEMING FEATURE OF A POOR PROGRAMME LAST SUNDAY, THE CHINESE BASEBALL CLUB AND THE HONGKONG BASEBALLERS staged the most exciting battle seen on the local diamond in many moons. In upsetting the formidable Mohawk tribe, the Chinese Club showed unexpected power at the plate to take a close 8-7 victory that toppled the league's leaders off their lofty perch as St. Joseph's slipped into the driver's seat with a convincing win over the Canadian Chinese aggregation.

Before a comparatively small gallery who apparently expected to see an easy outing for the Hongkong Baseballers, the Chinese drew first blood when Crooner Ruel negotiated the circuit on a drive to right field with his squad two tallies in front.

CHINESE TIE SCORES
The Chinese knotted the count in the third, Nip Lum reaching first, as Doc Molthen failed to get under his short fly to right, and went all the way to third on Wally Ching's bunt. Crooner Ruel came through with a single to drive in Lum, later which Earl Wong got a free base for catchers interference. Tommy Chan slashed a single to centre for Ruel to score but flashy throwing by Crews and Morris resulted in Nip Lum running for Wong, being caught by Leight.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 2734) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary,

Hong Kong, 9th December, 1940.

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ARTEMIS WINS Sweepstakes Race Results

The Sweepstakes race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted in a win for Artemis (Mr. H. W. Browne). Detailed results follow:

Finished Corr. Pos.	Pos.
Artemis	16.44.16
(Mr. H. W. Browne)	1
Alice	16.45.53
(Lt. J. Wedderburn)	2
Gull	16.45.16
(Capt. A. G. O. Mills)	3
Maurien	16.45.27
(Mr. J. Clifford Bull)	4
Isobel	16.47.32
(Major C. Templer)	5
Koala	16.48.44
(Mr. M. Johnson)	6
Petrel	16.48.45
(Mr. W. H. E. Coates)	7
Widgeon	16.52.36
(Major J. H. Brown)	8
La Linda and True Blue	D.N.F.

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VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Dis.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
	pace	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.
Vixen Tor		30.3	1.02.3	1.31		28.2
Australian Prince		29.2	59.2	1.29.3		30
Tornado Star		30	1.00	1.30.2	2.01	30.3
Longdon & Surprise Again		31.3	1.02.2	1.32.3	2.01.2	29
Attacking Time		33	1.17	1.53.1	2.28	32.4
Climber		42	1.19.1	1.53.2	2.24.1	30.4
Rising Star		35	1.05.4	1.38	2.07.2	29.2
Hundrum Eye		33	1.04	1.35.1		31.1
Viceroy		32.3	1.11.3	1.44	2.12	28
Cocklerol		34.1	1.05.2	1.35		29.3
Kentucky		37	1.10	1.43.3	2.15.2	31.3
Sunlight View		33	1.06.3	1.39.3	2.13.4	31
Venus Bay		38	1.12	1.43	2.12.3	29.3
Lilliber		39	1.13.3	1.44	2.14.2	30.2
Dawn Star		38	1.16	1.52.2	2.25	32.3
Sea Urchin		28.1	57.3	1.28.2		30.4
Taming Master		47.3	1.24	1.57	2.28.2	31.2
A Great Time		40	1.16	1.48.4	2.19	30.1
Craigavon		34.3	1.08	1.39.4		31.4
O-Lan		33.2	1.04.4	1.35.4		31
Lovely Star		36	1.09.3	1.40.3		31
Lancashire Lass		31.2	1.02.3	1.34.4	2.08	33.1
Blue Field		36	1.10.2	1.42		31.3
Sapper		34.2	1.07.4	1.36.3		28.4
Jack O'Lantern		40.4	1.19	1.52		33
Eve of Harvest		33	1.05.2	1.37	2.09	32
Quick Despatch		34	1.05	1.34.4		29.4
Lovely Kid		30	1.01.4	1.31.3		29.4

Strangely enough, the longest hit went to Socorro Sequeira of the Florians, while Kitty Bush, Nelly Falladauna, June Hall and Elegenia Babida doubled for the Redbirds.

PROMISING START
The Baby Panthers started off promisingly against the Canuckets but showed little fight after the first couple of frames to go down to an 11-3 decision. Home runs by Alice Ma, Norma Silva and Ulan Kho, who also clouted a triple, were responsible for most of the runs tallied.

In the second division, the 8th R.A. provided the best performance by unexpectedly garnering their first points at the expense of the Central Britishers by 7 runs to 6. The Victoria Recreation Club had an easy outing against the Royal Engineers who went down by the wide margin of 18 tallies to 2.

TEXACO TROUNCED
Lucas and Greenspots staged quite a good tussle in the Hong Section, the former just nosing through by 8 markers to 6. Shell trounced Texaco, 20-4, in the battle of the Oilers, the latter never at any time showing signs of putting up a fight.

FOUR-BUN RALLY
Nothing daunted, the Mohawks again tied the scores with a four run rally in their half of the sixth. Crews and Sperry both binged to left and advanced on Molthen's fly to Fisher. Joe Morris followed with a drive to right-centre which Willie Wilson snared after Fisher had failed to hold it, Sperry coming home on the play.

Lou Leight poled out the Mohawks' only round-tripper. Joe Reardon singled and pilfered second to score on Hearther's two baggers to left. Pete Fitch walked but Jones lobbed to Lee to end the frame.

LEAGUE STANDINGS
LADIES' LEAGUE

WON LOST PTG.
Canuckettes 8 0 1.000

Wildcats 5 0 1.000

Wahoos 4 2 .667

Baby Panthers 4 3 .571

Cardinals 3 3 .500

Ramblerettes 2 4 .333

Chung Hwa 0 6 .000

Little Flower Club 0 6 .000

FIRST DIVISION

WON LOST PTG.
St. Joseph's 5 1 .833

H.K. Baseballers 5 2 .714

Cyclones 4 2 .667

Recreo. Aces 2 2 .500

Indians 2 3 .400

Filipinos 1 4 .200

Canucks 0 6 .000

SECOND DIVISION

WON LOST PTG.
Chung Hwa 3 0 1.000

Recreo. Bees 4 1 .800

Cosmopolitan 3 1 .750

Royal Air Force 3 1 .750

Victoria R.C. 2 1 .667

Like Portuguese 2 2 .500

Royal Scots 2 2 .500

South China 1 1 .500

Central British 1 4 .200

8th R.A. 1 5 .187

Royal Engineers 0 4 .000

HONG LEAGUE

WON LOST PTG.
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Lacar 1 1 .500

Greenspots 0 1 .000

Cables 0 1 .000

Texaco 0 1 .000

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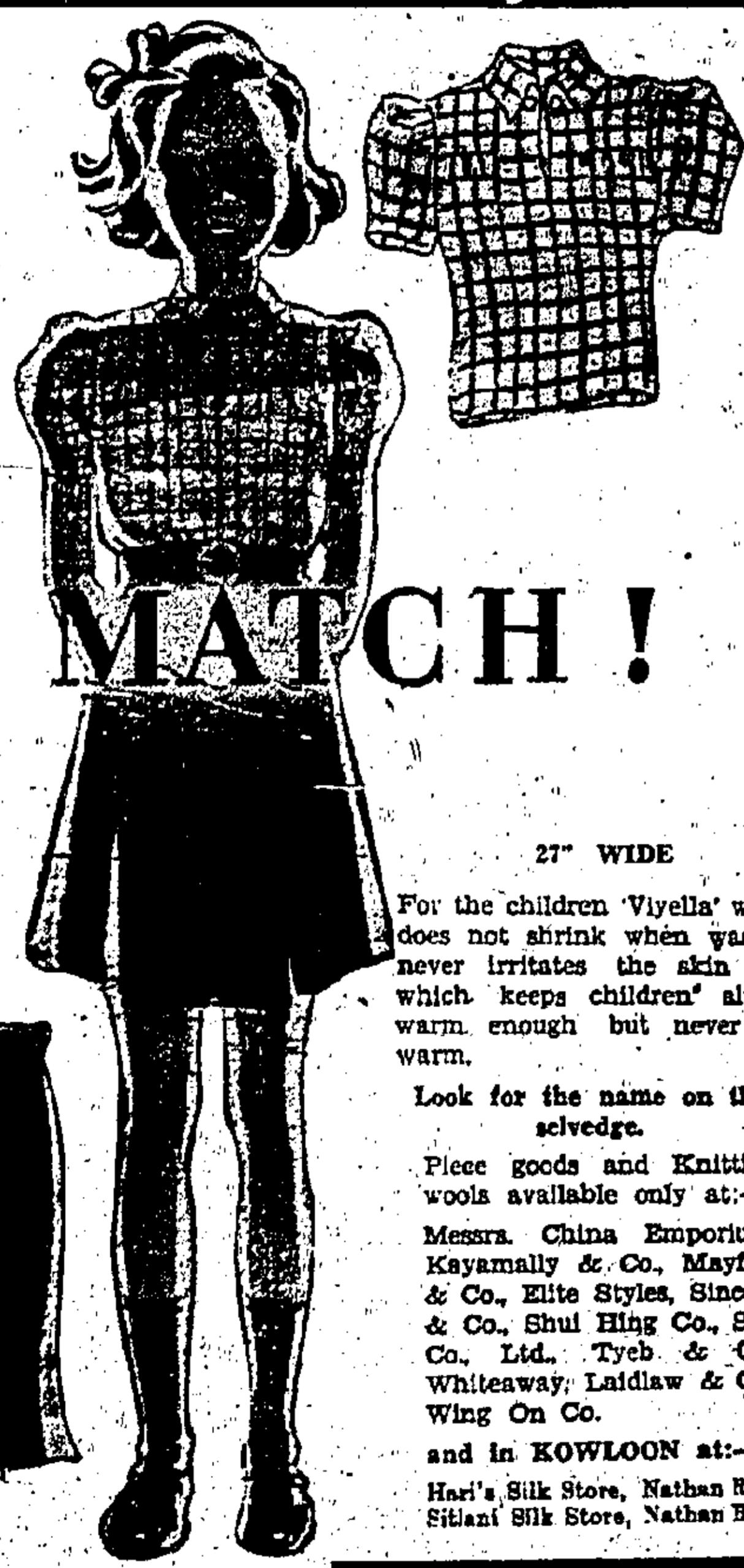
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CARNARVON CASTLE WEIGHS ANCHOR

MONTEVIDEU, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The Carnarvon Castle sailed at 8.15 p.m. G.M.T. all repairs having been completed.

Despite the rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and

SECRET DEBATE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.

cheered the British armed cruiser on her departure.

TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI CUT OFF BY BRITISH ARMOURED UNITS

Offensive Supported By R.A.F.: 22 Enemies Downed

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—BRITISH ARMOURED UNITS OPERATING IN THE REAR OF SIDI BARRANI are believed to have cut off part of two Italian divisions. Fighting yesterday continued along a 30-mile front forming the right flank of two enemy divisions occupying the Sidi Barrani area.

During the night of Dec. 8 naval units successfully bombarded Matruh Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, states a British naval communiqué.

It is stated that the British armoured units gained success within 36 hours of launching their surprise attack at dawn on Monday and they have reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Burbus.

British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check reinforcements.

G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE

Operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing states a G.H.Q. communiqué. Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire continues.

In their swift thrust to the coast British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy roughly forms an equilateral triangle, the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Matruh, 15 miles west along the coast, and Nibewa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

NIBEWIA CAMP CAPTURED

The Nibewa camp was the position captured by the British early on Monday morning when 500 prisoners were taken.

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units supported by infantry attacked the other two sides. Acting in close co-operation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area bombing Italian posts and destroying mechanised transport and breaking up troop formations.

MILITARY COMMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it was stated in authoritative military circles in London yesterday.

Inside this quadrilateral, the Italians are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and are provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns.

LIBYAN DIVISIONS

It appears that the British forces have so far attacked two of these camps with considerable success. It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by native troops. It is known that there are two Libyan divisions in this area and presumably these divisions are being engaged at the moment.

DIFFICULTIES OF CAMPAIGN

The difficulties of such a campaign can readily be imagined. Troops cannot replenish supplies from orchards, grain stores, cattle and waterworks in captured territory, for the desert yields nothing of all these.

Every drop of water and every scrap of food must be carried by the forces on the move. The problems of desert warfare were well illustrated by the operations undertaken by the Italians when they advanced into Egypt earlier this year.

Well equipped, they were able to advance rapidly as far as Sidi Barrani, but then their momentum was absorbed by the sands of the desert.

R.A.F. SUPPORT

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Detailed reports now received are showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert.

GENERAL

CHANNEL HAZE GLOWED RED

Great Fires Raging In Calais

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Fires started by the R.A.F. at the French invasion ports on Monday night were still blazing fiercely yesterday.

In the morning the haze over mid-Channel glowed red but later when the day was slightly older great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worse in and around Calais.

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Chinese Actress Victim Of Own Alleged Plot To Swindle: Kowloon Case

How a Chinese movie actress CHAN SIN-YU, was allured to have been involved in plotting a swindle to defraud a man and eventually herself was the victim of the plot was related before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy when KWOK YUK-PING, 26, married woman, and YUEN YU-CHEUNG, 25, were charged with conspiracy to defraud the actress of \$1,000.

Det-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, who conducted the prosecution, said that the actress was a friend of the first defendant about 10 years ago and they had not met in the past seven years. At the beginning of this year she met the first accused in Kowloon City and they exchanged addresses.

Sometime later the first defendant called on the complainant and told her that a friend of her cousin's wanted to open a movie studio in Singapore. The man was wealthy and all he needed was a good staff. She tried to convince the actress to join the studio, but the complainant told her that there was no sense in establishing a studio in Singapore as there was one for sale in Kow-

YORKSHIREMEN CANCEL ANNUAL DINNER

MONEY FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

A proposal from the Chair that the annual dinner be cancelled and that members, so desiring, should subscribe towards a fund to be forwarded to the Central Fund for Relief of Air Raid Victims, earmarked for Yorkshire, seconded by the Secretary, was carried unanimously at the annual meeting of the Society of Yorkshirmen in Hongkong, held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday.

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn presided and was supported by Major E. C. Frederick (Vice-President), Mr. A. L. Fisher (Secretary), Mr. J. H. Shaw (Treasurer), and the following members of the Committee, Lt.-Col. R. B. Brown, Messrs. J. D. Danby, W. A. Mackinlay, H. H. Mundy and C. F. Needham.

The President, proposing the adoption of the statement of account for year ended Oct. 31, 1940, of the Society, to the Bomber referred to the contribution of \$500 made by the Committee, on behalf of the Society, to the Bomber Fund.

On the proposal of Mr. W. G. Griffin, seconded by Mr. A. Brooksbank, the outgoing Committee which included Mr. J. H. Bottomley, was re-elected.

RULE SUSPENDED

The President proposed that Rule 13 of the Society, which held that the Committee may establish a Benevolent Fund for relief purposes and make donations to charitable institution, be substituted by the following:

"The Committee may, at their discretion, make grants out of the funds of the Society for the relief of necessitous persons who are or have been members of the Society and the widows and orphans of deceased members; the relief of necessitous persons who are for the time being or have been resident in Hongkong, and who, whether members of the Society or not, would be eligible to join in the Society in accordance with Rule 3; and to make donations to any charitable institution or fund which the Trustees of the Fund may deem expedient."

On the proposal being seconded by Major Frederick, it was put to the meeting and passed without dissent.

Referring to the question of the annual dinner, the President said that his views were that, for the present, this affair should be left out till more sensible times.

DO SOMETHING

Mrs. E. M. Sando said that she would like the Society to do something, even if only to hold a stag dinner to which she was prepared to buy her ticket. Mrs. Sando suggested that all the proceeds from the party should be donated to the Bomber Fund.

Major Frederick reminded Mrs. Sando that the last annual dinner was a financial failure.

The President's recommendation that the money members usually spend on the dinner be contributed towards the Fund was approved of.

A hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee was proposed by Mr. J. G. Meyer and carried unanimously.

PROMISSORY NOTE CASE

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT

Judgment for defendant, with costs, was given by Mr. Justice Williams, at the Summary Court yesterday, in the case in which the Nanking Commercial and Savings Bank Ltd., of No. 83, Connaught Road Central, sued Lee Ful-man of No. 18, Hankow Road, Kowloon, and Lee Wan-sun of the Hospital Appliance Co., of Wang Hing Building, for the sum of \$337.16, being principal and interest, at the rate of one per cent, per month, on a Chinese Promissory Note dated June 19, 1939.

Mr. F. H. Lobeby appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. R. Zimmerman appeared for Lee Wan-sun.

AS MAKERS

The plaintiffs claimed against the defendants as makers of a Promissory Note for \$500, dated June 19, 1939, payable one month after date with interest at one per cent per month, less \$40 paid by defendants as interest.

The plaintiffs also claimed interest at the above rate from the date of the writ to the date of payment or judgment, also costs of the action.

Mr. Zimmerman's submission that he had no case to answer in that a guarantor could not be sued as a maker was upheld, after evidence had been given by Lam Kiu Sang, manager of the Trust Department of plaintiff firm, to the effect that the Promissory Note was signed by defendant as guarantor in defendant's offices.

A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 11, 1940
A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. B. Steele-Pearce, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Director of Air Raid Precautions regret to announce the death of Senior Warden 338 Miss Helen Au, of District "D", Central.

INSPECTION OF CORPS

The inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by H.E. the Acting Governor will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 12 and not on Sunday Dec. 22, as previously announced.

DRESS

The ribbons of authorised decorations and medals will be worn by all ranks when in uniform.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens are permitted to resign—

1118 Siu Hing-pui, Western Division on leaving the Colony; S/W 2189 J. A. Remedios, Yaumati, on leaving the Colony; 2497 Ip Ching-kwang, Eastern; 439 W. R. Mansfield, Gough Hill, on leaving the Colony.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Divisional Warden (Field Officer) Western A. H. Veltman, returned from leave of absence and reported for duty on Dec. 6; Major G. M. Mansfield, Chief Air Raid Warden for Kowloon, is granted one month's leave from Dec. 17; 895 Tan Kai-hung, Bay View, is granted one month's leave as from Dec. 1; 372 (T) J. Wan, Central, is granted 3 months' leave as from Dec. 5.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

2270 Ho Bing-ai, Yaumati, to 1 Central Street, 3rd floor, Western.

APPOINTMENTS

District Warden "C" J. E. Pasco to be Deputy Divisional Warden, Mongkok; Deputy District Warden "C" Shek Yuk-kuen to be District Warden "C", Mongkok; 1718 S/W Pan Olman to be Deputy District Warden "C", Mongkok; 1505 R. H. Wild to be Deputy Divisional Warden (acting) Western Division.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from Dec. 4.

Shamshuipo. To be Senior Warden—1988 Dep. S/W Ho Kwok-cheung,

L.A.R.P.S. and 2027 Wong Yu-kuen.

To be Deputy Senior Warden — 1913 Yeung Tso-chou.

Central. To be Acting Group Warden—Dep't Group Warden 148 Chan Luen-po; To be Senior Warden—123

Dep. S/W Li Fook-cheung, 148 Lo Tse-ming, Dep. S/W 125 Yip Ching-chuen,

140 Dep. S/W Yuen Hong-chai, 200 Lee Sun; To be Deputy Senior Warden—116 Chi Kwan-puk, 134 Chung Ching-wah, 130 Yuen Kwok-ping.

Mongkok. To be Group Warden—1746 S/W Liu Kwoh-keng, 1769 Po Shuk-hang, 1780 Yung Ching-chung. To be Senior Warden—14 Kwoh Kal-him.

TRANSFER

District Warden "B" Western, Francis Wong, is transferred to District "E" to be District Warden.

TRAINING

Shamshuipo—Squad Drill at Police Training School on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m.

Shamshuipo—Meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies on Thurs-

day, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. at the Kee Kuk Street Dispensary.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Telephonist Class E—35—A course

of lectures under Mr. H. Hutchinson.

GENERAL

DEFRAUDING H.K. TELEPHONE COMPANY

CLEVER PLAN IS FOILED

Taking advantage of the great demand for telephones—a demand which the Hongkong Telephone could not meet—a man conceived a clever plan to defraud would-be subscribers by inserting an advertisement in a Chinese newspaper stating that he was in a position to have telephones transferred to any person.

Unfortunately, one would-be subscriber, becoming impatient of waiting, went to the Telephone Company and it was then revealed that the deposit which was given by the man was a forgery. As the result of investigations by the Police the man was arrested and charged.

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, MAK PUI-HENG, 25, unemployed, pleaded guilty to charges of uttering forged documents purporting to be deposit receipts of the H.K. Telephone Co.; demanding \$100 from Lau Hui-ling by virtue of forged receipts; and possession of 14 forged receipts of the H.K. Telephone Company.

Siu Wai-shing, 23, unemployed, charged with aiding and abetting first defendant, was discharged on the Police offering no evidence against him.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau represented both defendants.

FORMER SALESMAN

Det. Sub-Insp. J. O'Donovan, prosecuting, said that defendant had previously worked as a newspaper salesman in the Wah Kiu Yat Po. He added that he had been instructed to ask his Worship to take a serious view of the case.

Mr. Lau asked the Magistrate to take a more lenient and merciful view. He said that it was defendant's first offence and that his client was not the instigator. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

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Governor At Photographic Exhibition

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-General E. F. Norton, paid a visit to the second All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, held under the auspices of the Photographic Society of Hongkong, in the Peacock Lounge, first floor, Exchange Building, yesterday at 4 p.m.

His Excellency made the round of inspection twice.

Of the 100 photographs on display, Gen. Norton was most interested in the following prints: "From the Garden" by Francis Wu, A.R.P.S., "Evening in Shinkwan" by Lam Cho-chak, "A Misty Day" by Lo Tak-cho, and "Dawn" by Walter C. Clark, A.R.P.S.

It is understood that copies of the aforementioned prints will be presented to His Excellency by the Society.



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Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 79 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government Camps, etc. in urban and rural areas is recorded for the week ended Dec. 7.

Urban Areas (Civilians):

King's Park—1,311 against 1,277 on Nov. 30.

Ms. Tso Chung—1,159 against 1,102 on Nov. 30.

North Point—1,405 against 1,388 on Nov. 30.

Morrison Hill—538 against 533 on Nov. 30.

Urban Areas (Soldiers):

In Hospital—20 against 14 on Nov. 30.

Argyle Street—701 against 707 on Nov. 30.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):

Tai Hang—2,537 against 2,557 on Nov. 30.

Ngan Tau Kok—755 against 765 on Nov. 30.

Rural Areas—

Kam Tin—1,737 against 1,811 on Nov. 30.

Fanling Children's Camp—233 against 300 on Nov. 30.

Total—10,466 against 10,487 on Nov. 30.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Open Price
n.s.w.	ft. ft. ft.	n.s.w.	ft. ft. ft.	\$	\$
1 New Kowloon Island Lot No. 440	Junction of Up Chau St. and Cheung Fat Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan	About 4,050	66	2,448

The Daily Press

報章

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12, 1940.

RICE—SUPPLY
AND DEMAND

THE COMPREHENSIVE information which a member of the Daily Press staff was able to obtain on the rice position in the Colony has helped the public to understand why the Government's control scheme is inadequate to relieve the distress which has been caused by the rising prices of this staple commodity. At the same time, the Government has been given constructive suggestions for dealing with the question from several new aspects which do not appear to have been taken into consideration when price control was decided as the best means of solving the problem. The consensus of opinion obtained from those with long experience in the rice trade—and no one is better qualified to show where the Government has erred on a subject of this nature—points to the fact that control as outlined by the Government can never eliminate the evils of profiteering. As one informant remarked, there is more than one way of skinning a cat and so it is with those who are out to defeat the main objects of official intervention.

THE POSITION of making supplies of rice available to a large section of the population which depends on this commodity for their subsistence boils down to a question of supply and demand. The demand for rice in the Colony has not increased over what it has been for the past two years. The means of supply have, therefore, become faulty—not because there are no stocks in the Colony or because further imports are not available, but because those who have hoarded stocks have taken advantage of the delay in bringing new supplies into Hongkong, to hang on to what they have and letting it dribble on to the market at bigger profits to themselves. The fixing of prices will not bring these stocks into the

ONE KILLED: 14
INJURED: WEEKLY
ROAD TOLL

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1940, there were altogether 81 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 14 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese female, age 23, was knocked down and killed by a bus while crossing the carriageway.

Of persons injured, 6 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway.

Of 81 accidents, 46 were collisions between vehicles; 20 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

open market. The only alternative left to the Government must be to either acquire these stocks or buy them up in the market and release them to the public at fair and equitable prices. Other governments have tried it with success and there is no reason why it should not be done in Hongkong.

HITLER'S SPEECH

THE FACT that the "jungle noises" which usually follow Herr Hitler's declarations were strangely unenthusiastic when he spoke to munition workers in Western Germany on Tuesday shows in what sort of a mood his listeners heard their Fuehrer's apology for not having been able to fulfil the bombastic promises he had made to them from the time of bringing England to her knees and giving Germany world domination. True his words were punctuated with his usual vehement outbursts—all of them directed this time against Britain—but they did not carry the conviction he tried to infuse into his speech. His words were more in the nature of an exhortation to the people and to his workers—an appeal to them to throw aside the doubts which have been steadily seeping into their minds and to carry on their work under the intolerable conditions which he has forced them into as otherwise Germany would be beaten and "if Germany loses this fight, it will be the end." (Sic!).

IT IS SIGNIFICANT that at last Herr Hitler has recognised this is the end of German tyranny if his present campaign fails—as it must fail. For the past fourteen months he has refused to even think that Germany could be beaten. German arms were invincible and there was no question of their being defeated and, therefore, there was no other end—for him except victory of might over right. In his anxiety to rally the failing courage of his people, he indicated his lost confidence in his Italian partner by offering no excuse for Signor Mussolini's palpable failure in the attack on Greece. Neither did he make any explanation for the failure of his diplomatic drive in the Balkans. All his vehemence was turned on England against whom he made his customary threats, though more vaguely defined than in the past. When he stated that he would not give up an inch of the soil which he has gained in Europe, Herr Hitler admitted, for the first time, his fear that he would not be able to defeat Britain and that he would be glad to cry halt to the war now if he was certain that he could hold what he has got. It is this uncertainty that will compel him to continue the fight much against his will.

EDITORIAL

CORRESPONDENCE

DR. BARNARDO'S
HOMES

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press
Sir: I have received the following letter from Dr. Barnardo's Homes and I should be very grateful if you would publish it in your newspaper.

Although there are many appeals for Charity at the moment, there may be some people who have a special interest in the Homes and would be willing to subscribe to this splendid work.

Yours sincerely

CHARLOTTE M. BIRD

Hon. Collector.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

Stepney Causeway, London, E.1.
Christmastide, 1940.

Dear Fellow Helper, As I write

this letter the Government are asking us all to "Stay Put" at our

jobs. It is excellent advice and to carry on under War conditions, with a family of 8,250, is no mean achievement and well worth working for.

But food supplies, safe housing accommodation, Air-raid shelters, schooling and clothing, to say nothing of the cost of travelling and supervision of the children still in our Homes, or in their widely scattered Evacuation Centres, are problems that we can only solve if our friends come to our aid with generous gifts.

This Winter will be the most trying we have had to face in our long history of 75 years. We are most anxious to "Go to it" and, indeed, have been at it with increasing intensity ever since War broke out, despite many and growing obstacles.

Our records will tell you how we have succeeded in maintaining a place of Refuge for these stricken and destitute little folk. It also shows how hostilities are daily adding to the number of those who seek Sanctuary with us. I am sure the facts would touch any heart. Would you send me all you can to keep open our friendly doors of welcome, which have now given shelter to more than 125,000 needy Boys and Girls.

I know from your past gifts how kind will be your response, and how you will feel that these are days when we need more than ever to bear one another's burden and so fulfil the law of Christ.

With hearty thanks for all that you have done for us,

Yours sincerely,

EEBISHAM, (signed)

Honorary Treasurer.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Wallington said, in part:

Before reading the first annual report since I was appointed Principal of this College I would like to thank your Excellency for the great honour you have bestowed upon the school by coming here this morning to give away the Prizes.

There was a large attendance at the speech day, among those present being the Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Solls, M.A.

ONE WEDDING
AT REGISTRY

The wedding took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday between Mr. Dick Law, clerk, of No. 243, Temple Street, Kowloon, and Miss Liung Siu Ying of the same address. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—

Mr. Henry Wong Yam Wing, manager of the Wing On Bank Ltd., Kowloon Branch, and residing at No. 140, Electric Road, and Miss Nancy Kong, of No. 84, Electric Road.

Mr. Lie Kwei Khong, clerk of Chin Sin Main Road, Un-long New Territories, and Miss Kho Tuan Ing of Toko Lian Hin Djember (Socatibia), Java, DEI.

Mr. Liang Kian Sem, merchant of Ching Sin Main Road, Un-long New Territories, and Miss Tiong Sim Moy of the same address.

Mr. Wong Chun Kou, assistant manager, of No. 29, Connaught Rd. Central, and Miss Tsao Wai Yung, book-keeper, of No. 75, Shantung Street, Kowloon.

ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

I am very pleased to be able to report that the school swimming team obtained 274 points and won the Inter School Swimming Championship. This was the result of good team work and not individual success. We are of course very lucky to possess our own swimming pool and this no doubt contributed in some way to our success.

We finished third in the Inter School Athletic Sports. Teams were entered in the Inter School leagues for volleyball and basketball. At Football our senior side was good and were successful in most of the games played.

ORGANISED GAMES

Throughout the year our own school competitions were carried out as usual and twice each week about 150 boys were sent to Queen's College ground, at Causeway Bay, for organised games.

This sounds good but, in reality it means that each boy has only one period of organised games each month.

Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen, who

had been away at Volunteer Camp,

resumed duty at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday. He had been away for a week and during his absence was represented by his father, Major A. N. Macfadyen.

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THE AIR WAR:**DIFFICULTIES IN BOMBING OF AERODROMES: DEFENCES AGAINST NIGHT ATTACKS**

"The air position, looked at as a whole, is improving," said Mr. Oliver Stewart, aeronautical expert, when he spoke in London yesterday on the latest developments in the air war.

Mr. Stewart emphasised, however, the necessity for developing the defences of Britain against air attacks and the continuation of British raids on military objectives in Germany in preference to carrying out raids on enemy aerodromes.

Mr. Stewart referred to recent reports stating that the Royal Air Force had carried out attacks on enemy aerodromes in France and Holland, which were being used by the Germans for making their raids on Britain.

PRESENT LIMITATIONS
"In the present strategical situation, however," said Mr. Stewart, "this method of attack has its limitations. It must be remembered that the enemy has many air bases. Unfortunately we prepared some of them when we were fighting alongside the French and the enemy is now using aerodromes on which we worked on."

"The enemy has also a number of aerodromes in Belgium and Norway and it is possible for him to switch his bomber squadrons about so that we cannot be certain where to find them. Nor could we attack all the bases we know about; that would need an air force bigger than anything in existence."

"There is yet another difficulty and that is that putting service aerodromes out of action or damaging them is not so easy. The Germans tried hard to knock out the R.A.F. in August and September and they devoted many of their attacks to service aerodromes. But in all cases they could not succeed in stopping our aircraft from using the aerodromes."

"That is important, because it must be remembered that a service aerodrome in war is unlike a service aerodrome in peace. The aircraft is dispersed round the aerodrome. Some of them are taken to what are known as maintenance bases which are provided to enable work to be done on the planes. Others are scattered on the outskirts of the landing area."

NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE
"If the enemy is able to get a direct hit on one plane, the damage will be confined to that one plane or, at the most, to two or three planes. As far as damage to the surface is concerned, after all an aeroplane only needs a few hundred yards to take off and it will need all the bombs in the world to knock out the aerodrome completely by churning up the landing surface."

"It is also impossible to start big fires there and damage by bombs is thus limited by the dispersal methods. Even the personnel are protected from flying fragments."

"These reasons provide an incomplete answer to our own raids on enemy aerodromes. In the first place, we do not know where to go for him; secondly, the enemy has too many bases for a simultaneous attack; and thirdly, bombing attacks on aerodromes are much less effective than on other targets."

SEVERE FOOD RATIONING IN PARIS: ONLY NAZIS ALLOWED TO USE BUSES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Travellers returning from occupied France state that the situation there is most serious.

In Paris, food rationing is severe and long queues lined the streets outside the shops. In transportation, only Germans are allowed to use private cars and buses while Parisians had the use of the underground.

Mr. A. Greenwood On Chances Of Victory

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—"Britain cannot lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London yesterday.

"I do not say that victory is around the corner but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win," he went on.

Large firms and factories have been taken over by Germans and many occupants were given the shortest notice to quit. In one bank the staff was ordered to leave the premises between 5 p.m. and next morning.

Unemployment is extremely high and large factories, like the Citroen Motor Works, have been closed.

The Germans are making large purchases with valueless German marks which they fixed at the rate of 20 francs to the mark.

M. Laval is generally hated by the Parisians who, however, still respect Marshal Pétain.

Greeks Doing Spadework For Next Stage Of Battle

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The effect of the Greek seizure of Mussolini's three main bases in southern Albania, namely Santi Quaranta, Delvino and Argyrocastro, is now becoming apparent.

Further north the impetus given to the Greek advance by the capture of Koritsa and other points has for the present ceased and the Greeks are now engaged in spadework for the next stage of the battle, this probably accounting for the veil of secrecy which has descended on operations in that area.

"News from the front is extremely good but precise indications cannot be expected for a few days," declared an official spokesman last night.

LATEST COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS)—The latest Greek communiqué says: "Our offensive action continues with success on the whole front. Strong ground points were occupied by bayonet charge. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Three 100 mm. guns fell into our hands." Information available to military circles in London fully supports the Greek claims.

There has been a small advance in the Pogradetz area, while in the south, Greek troops are going forward steadily though as the nature of the terrain necessitates slowly.

In the neighbourhood of Argyrocastro, they have reached Kodre, cutting off the Italians from the important lateral road in the Tepelene area.

RIGHT POLICY

"We are doing much better when we direct our attacks on objectives such as power stations, canals, building yards, etc. We should really be using our bombs less economically if we bomb aerodromes. I don't say that sometimes, when special information comes to us operations against enemy aerodromes are not justified, but I do say that, in general, our policy of sticking to other targets has been right."

"We must continue to strive for a good defence against the night bomber. I look upon Germany's night raids as an idea to prepare the way for something else. I don't think they will be so foolish as to think that they can make this country sue for peace by slaughtering civilians. They, of course, hope to weaken us a little."

"That is why I regard with some suspicion any marked lull in German night raids, when such a lull cannot be attributed to the weather. Therefore I think that they are preparing for combined operations with their air and other forces working in close co-operation."

"In the meantime, we are getting the measure of the German night attacks. We know their methods by day and we are beginning to know them by night. They are quick to change their tactics when they find that they have been unsuccessful, while we have learnt a great deal and our own offensive will benefit by that knowledge."

"We have also gained some idea of Italy's tactics in the air. It is not so formidable, but we are not underestimating it."

NEW FIGHTER

Mr. Stewart went on to refer to the new fighter plane known as the Fairley Bombar allotted to the Fleet Air Arm. It had, he said, eight guns fixed in the wings firing directly forward in the line of flight and would have a large influence on future types. The Navy had made a good move in adopting this kind of fighter.

Mr. Stewart concluded by stating that they would certainly have to watch Germany's air force.

"The Germans are likely to go to the aid of the Italians," he said, "and when they do go, it will be mainly with aircraft. If the German air force has great mobility, so has ours. We are watching them closely."

"It remains today to work on our defences against the night bomber and against aircraft attacks on our shipping. In other respects the Germans have been met. The air position, looked at as a whole, is improving."

NO ACCUMULATION

The system of permits for use of goods wagons is in operation and which prevents the use of any wagon until it is known by which steamer the goods in question are to be exported. Obviously this prevents any accumulation of goods awaiting export at ports or the intermediate points. One telling illustration of the effect of this control may be given.

Facilities for handling traffic are almost unlimited provided that there is no congestion; the prevention of such a congestion is one of the most important problems confronting us. The control of shipments for export is the most effective method yet evolved to achieve this object.

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ANNUAL DINNER OF KOWLOON CHESS CLUB**FIRST LADY MEMBER WELCOMED**

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. There were 25 members present and eight guests, including Mr. B. G. Birch and Mr. E. Zimmern, of the Victoria Chess Club.

The President, the Rev. G. E. S. Upde, extended the welcome of the Club to its first lady member, Miss Alina Sequira, and said also that the Club was attracting more players than before and that no fewer than 24 had entered this year for the various Club tournaments.

LADDER TOURNAMENT

An endeavour would be made, he added, to stage a ladder tournament when the present one was concluded as a great deal of enthusiasm was being shown, especially by the younger members.

Mr. Upde also welcomed the two representatives of the Victoria Chess Club.

Mr. Birch replied suitably.

Bombs were dropped at a place in East Anglia. These damaged some houses and caused a small number of casualties.

SITTFIRES CHASE

PESHAWAR, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Nine members of the Turkish military mission to Afghanistan are expected here shortly on their return from Kabul to Ankara. They will be the guests of the North-West Frontier Province Government and will be entertained both by the Government and by the Peshawar Municipality.

CO-OPERATION WITH BRITISH AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS IS THE WAR POLICY OF C.P.R. COMPANY

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Wholehearted co-operation with the British and Canadian Governments in the prosecution of the war describes the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, writes SIR EDWARD HEATLEY, President of the Canadian-Pacific Railway Company in a special article for Reuter's.

Not only is the Canadian Pacific Railway contributing its quota, but it has willingly enlarged its activities to include the manufacture of products and machinery essential for the training and equipment of modern armies. Tanks, for example, are being manufactured in some of the Canadian Pacific's great engineering shops.

At the outbreak of the war the one hour before the Dominion Company was not unprepared to reach Montreal station.

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at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

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also

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On View on Day of Sale.

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GENERAL
ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

HOUSE-BREAKER IMPRISONED

Appearing before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of burglary, Pun Ming, 23, unemployed, who admitted the offence, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Pun was charged, with another not in custody, with breaking into No. 430, Lockhart Road, second floor, at 4.30 a.m. on Dec. 10 and stealing one gold pocket watch and chain, 13 pieces of clothing and a fountain pen and pencil, the property of Ip Lam Seng, 51, ship agent.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that about 5 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 10 Sgt. Dowman saw defendant carrying a parcel. On being questioned defendant admitted that he stole them and took Sgt. Dowman back to the house.

Defendant obtained entry into the house by smashing the wooden shutters of the doors and inserting his hands to open the lock.

The total value of the property stolen was \$80 and everything was recovered except the gold watch.

UNEMPLOYED BOUND OVER

Wong Yiu, 39, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing 18 silver Hongkong dollars from No. 28 Bonham Strand East on Dec. 2.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that the defendant was an ex-partner of the complainant, Ip Chee-man, manager of the Lap Fu tailor shop. The partnership was broken up in 1939 but defendant was allowed to sleep in the shop as no had no employment.

On Dec. 9 at about 10 p.m. defendant was seen by a fok in the shop to approach the safe near which complainant was sleeping. He was seen to take something out of the safe, went back to bed but got up again and left the shop for some time.

This fok informed another and when the safe was opened the 18 silver dollars were found missing. Defendant was questioned and when searched 14 dollars and a key to the safe were found on him. Defendant admitted the theft and stated that he spent the two dollars to have some tea.

Wong was bound over in the sum of \$50 for six months.

UNAVAILING DEFENCE PLEA

That he had been sick for several days and had no food was the plea given by Ng Tim, 35, unemployed, who was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing from No. 137 Queen's Road Central, ground floor, two catties of sausages and one catty of preserved meat.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that at about 10 p.m. on Tuesday morning defendant was seen carrying a paper parcel and when stopped by a constable it was found to contain the sausages and preserved meat.

When questioned defendant admitted that he broke into No. 137 Queen's Road and stole the foodstuffs.

Ng, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

LI CHAI, CHAN YAU, TANG PING AND TANG YUNG

Li Chai, Chan Yau, Tang Ping and Tang Yung, robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition at Taipo;

Ng Kin-kan, assault with intent to rob three women;

Au Nam; Chan Kai, Luk Wing, Wong Sing and Pun Yung, armed robbery in a house in Prince Edward Road;

ARMS CASES

Li Wai, Kwok Yan, Tsui On, Shek Leung and Tso Chung, possession of arms and ammunition in Shaukiwan;

Fan Shin, Lau Ping, Lau Kam, Wong Yam, possession of arms and ammunition on board a junk in Shaukiwan;

Lau Fun, possession of arms and ammunition at Taipo;

Ma Wal-man, Leung Fuk-lam and Lam Sik-yui, nine charges of possession and larceny of letters;

Lam Chung, unlawful possession of postal packets;

Kwok Fong, Leung Ying and Mak Kun-sing, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes in Kowloon; Cheng Hol, possession of forged bank-notes; Wong Wah, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes; Lan Yat-chung, uttering and possession of forged bank-

notes;

Lan Chun, Li Tung, Man Wong, Wong Sin, Kung Tak-on, Ho Ngan, Yung Wing and Li Kwai, breach of Deportation Ordinance.

"WIZARDS" IN COURT

Two "Wizards" were among the six people charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with unlawful street collection at No. 33 Tung Street on Dec. 9.

The defendants were Li Kong, 26, and Leung Wah, 29, described as "wizards," Leung Cheung, 18, temple foki, Sit Wai, 22, temple keeper, Ngan Shun, 54, temple keeper, and Lam Ying-kei, 20, temple foki.

The first four accused were charged with collecting money in behalf of the Yuk Tak Kung Temple without permission, while the fifth and sixth were charged with counselling and procuring the commission of the offence.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that the fifth defendant, the temple keeper, instructed the others to go out and get subscriptions for the coming temple festival. The defendants went from shop to shop and to different addresses and received certain sums of money.

At the ceremony to be held on the twelfth moon those who had taken a large share would be given a large lantern and the small share would be given a small lantern.

Asked by his Worship Sgt. Sykes

said that the S.C.A. gave permission for special cases but in this case no permission either from the S.C.A. or the Police had been obtained.

Fifth and sixth defendants were each fined \$15 or, in default, 18 days' imprisonment. First to fourth defendants were cautioned and discharged.

AT KOWLOON

FAMILY SQUABBLE

Two families were involved in a fight in which two members received injuries to the head, and as a result all the participants were arrested and charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday with disorderly conduct.

The persons involved were Ip Fai, 47, father, Chan Nui, 38, wife of the first accused, Yuen Kau, 23, Yuen Ling, 20, Yuen Choi, 20, Yuen So-nui, 18, spinster, and Suet Kiu, 46, mother of the last four defendants.

Sgt. Haynes, prosecuting, said that all defendants were fellow-residents and a quarrel was started one night over the use of the kitchen. The last accused called out her three sons and a daughter to fight against the first two defendants.

The first six defendants were each ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 to be of good behaviour for a year, while the last accused was fined \$15 or, in default, three weeks in prison.

KOWLOON DOCKS THEFT

Chu Sheng, 19, coolie, and Wong Fuk-tin, 33, unemployed, were charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with larceny of 60 pounds of white lead, valued at \$300, from a British ship in the Kowloon Docks.

The first defendant was sentenced to a month's hard labour, followed by expulsion, while the second accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The white lead was recovered.

TRAVELLING TRADER GAOKED

Appearing before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday on remand, a travelling trader, Siu Hon-pam, 39, who was charged with kidnapping a child under 14 years of age, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The defendant was remanded from Monday when he said that he had witnesses to call for his defence.

MARINE COURT

LOTTERY CHARGE

A fine of seven dollars was imposed by the Marine Magistrate, Comdr. J. Jolly, yesterday on Wong Chan, 63, master of Class IV boat No. 4582W, convicted of having lottery within 100 yards of the Kowloon Naval Canoe on Tuesday. Defendant pleaded guilty.

UNLAWFUL BOARDING

Chan Leung, 40, unemployed, was fined \$20, in default three weeks' hard labour, for boarding a British vessel lying at Ho Kit's wharf without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

Ng Fick-mui, of No. 450 Lockhart Road, reports that someone entered his house on Tuesday and stole a fountain pen and other articles to the value of \$30.00.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 11, 1940.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, £12 7/8.
	Bank Bills, on demand £12 7/8.
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	£380
On demand:	£380
On Singapore:	£52 3/4
On Japan:	£52 3/4
On demand:	£101
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer, £82 1/3 and demand
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand £23 3/8 Credits 60 days' sight £24 1/8
On Batavia:	£43 3/4
On demand:	£43 3/4
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand Nom. Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:	£101 1/2
On Manila:	£46 3/4
On Bangkok:	£147 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate ... Nom. Bar Silver per oz. £23 1/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 11. Silver prices rose 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being £21/18 for Ready and 23 for forward. Silver advices reported a small business. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at £43 1/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/3.

MARKET

Dull. STERLING There were sellers at 1/3 December-January, buyers at 1/3-1/32 Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS Sellers at £23 5/8, buyers at 23-11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS Some business was arranged early in the morning at 397 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 397 1/2, buyers at 398.

SHANGHAI MARKET Sterling opened with sellers at 3.49/44. Subsequently the rate rose to 3.25/32. Last advices indicated sellers at 3.49/44 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers were quoted at the opening at 6.15/16 for Spot, and later the rate rose to 5.31/32. Last advices indicated sellers at 5.15/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 11 (Reuters). Official T.T. Rates

Opening	0/3-11/16
London	0/3-11/16
New York	5-3/4
Japan	24-3/8
India	20-3/8 N
Hongkong	24-1/2

Sterling	102
Openings	102
Spot ... 0/3-25/32	0/3-40/64
Dec. ... 0/3-25/32	0/3-49/64
Jan. ... 0/3-49/64	0/3-3/4

U.S. Dollars	102
Spot ... 0/3-31/32	\$5-15/16
Dec. ... 0/3-31/32	5-15/16
Jan. ... 5-15/16	5-16/16
Market: Quiet.	

Silver Duty Rate The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d. The Equalisation rate was 214 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange Calcutta, Dec. 10 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER London, Dec. 10 (Reuters). Silver Speculative support encountered limited offerings. Business very small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady, with buyers satisfied and no business.

Spot 23-1/16. Forward, 23d.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 10 (Reuters). Tin Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £257. Tin Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £259-7/8. Market steady.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	Dec. 10	Change
S P O T	38-7/8	39 cts.	.39 cts. up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	38-1/8	38-1/4	up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	38-7/8	37	up 1/8

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
JANUARY	12	12-1/16	up 1/16
FEBRUARY	12-3/16	12-3/16	unch.
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4	12-1/4	unch.
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/8	12-1/8	unch.

The market was quiet but steady.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
NEW YORK COTTON	10.24	10.22	.02 off
New York Rubber, March	20.55	20.55	unch.
Chicago Wheat, May	862	857	38 up
Chicago Corn, May	61	592	601 up
New York Hides, March	12.84	12.84	12.53b off

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 131.46; Today's close, 131.37; Change, off .09.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	Prev.	Today's	High	Low	Clos.	Close	Change
NEW YORK COTTON	10.18	10.17	10.16	10.17	.03 off		
Dec. (New contract)	10.08b/10a	10.07/07	.04 off				
January	10.11 N	10.22/23	10.20/20	10.20	.02 off		
March	10.14/15	10.14/14	10.11/11	10.11	.03 off		
May	9.97/97	9.97/97	9.94 N	9.94	.03 off		
July	9.39/39	9.39/41	9.38 N	9.38	.01 off		
Oct.	10.18 N	10.17 N	10.17 N	10.17	.01 off		

Total sales Monday:—81,000 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	January	March	May	July
unquoted	20.75 N	20.55 B	20.35/35	20.15 B
		20.80b/65a	20.40b/45a	20.15b/30a
		20.55/55	20.36b	20.14/20.15

Total sales:—80 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	July
862/86	86/85	84/83
812/814	812/814	824/824

Monday's sales:—7,415,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	May	July
60a	60/60	60/60
60b	60/60	60/60

Total sales for the day:—94 contracts.

	NY. Official Silver	NY. London Cross Rate
	34-3/4	403-1/2

N.Y. Official Silver

NY. London Cross Rate

NEW YORK HIDES

	March	April	June
12.84b	12.84		

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HERR HITLER'S SPEECH REGARDED AS PEP TALK

SIGNIFICANT ABSENCE OF RUDOLF HESS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler's speech in Berlin yesterday was pitched in a distinctly minor key and the whole tone of the speech was defensive rather than aggressive, as are his usual tirades, writes Reuter's Chief Diplomatic correspondent.

There was less of the customary indisputable evidence to the non-boasting and, strangest feature of all, he referred, albeit rhetorically, to two dramatic possibilities of defeat, which he said would mean "the end not only of our socialist system but also of the German people and of the possibility of an attempt by Britain to gain a footing on the Continent."

Emphasis of the double effects of defeat is significant, for it admits a distinction between Nazism and the German people which most Nazis would hesitate to confirm.

TERRORISTIC RAIDS DEFENDED

Hitler's defence of unrestricted bombing of open towns follows the lines of Goebbels propaganda. It was always the other side that began it, although there is

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory.

10 a.m., Dec. 11.
Barometer. (at sea level), 30.15

ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 60 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.N.E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 66 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.89 ins.

Against an average of, 24.51 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.53 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 55 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 75 F.

Minimum temperature, 66 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 12 to 18 Dec. 1940.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER

Days of Month.

Days of Month.

Hong Kong Standard Time.

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Height.

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h. m. h. m. h. m.

12. 08 20 4.6 09 06 2.6

19 38 7.1 13 07 3.2

13. 09 07 4.6 02 43 2.1

20 03 7.4 13 47 3.3

14. 09 00 4.7 03 22 1.6

20 35 7.7 14 18 3.4

Sun. 15. 10 28 4.7 03 58 1.2

21 03 8.1 14 50 3.4

11 06 4.7 04 36 0.9

21 41 8.2 15 25 3.5

11 48 4.7 05 15 0.7

22 30 8.2 15 55 3.6

12 32 4.8 05 59 0.7

23 05 7.9 16 34 3.6

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Achievements Of British A.A. Gunners

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Some achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing awards of the O.B.E. to Lt-Col. Norman Veasey Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences at Dover and East Kent, which have shot down 90 enemy planes during the last five months; and the Military Cross to 2nd-Lt. Patrick Valon Bennett, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months.

One revealing passage showed that despite his ignorance of foreign languages Hitler must be informed of opinions regarding him expressed abroad.

VIOLENT REACTION

This was his outburst about the suggestion that he suffers from an inferiority complex. The violence of his reaction suggests that the accusation touched him "on the raw."

Another detail that may or may not be significant was the absence from the meeting of Rudolf Hess, the deputy leader, who has not been heard since the bombing of the Munich beer-cellars when he spoke in the name of the Fuehrer.

"PEP TALK"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler's speech is regarded

as a "pep talk" to munitions workers, and secondly a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerently or not, which oppose Nazi economics.

Herr Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken here as aimed chiefly at Britain and the United States and as final recognition that America, if not belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pep talk" particularly such a lethargic one.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of Notifiable Diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended mid-

night, Dec. 10:—Cholera, one case; Enteric fever, one case; one case of Measles; one of Chicken-pox; Dysentery, 10 cases; and 45 cases of Tuberculosis.

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